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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

5 1. A metal article, such as a sputtering target,
comprising at least about 99.95 wt.% tantalum and a
substantially uniform (100) cubic texture.

10 2. A high purity tantalum sputtering target comprising
at least about 99.95 wt.% tantalum and a substantially uniform
(100) cubic texture at the target surface.

3. A high purity tantalum sputtering target according
to claim 2 produced from a frictionless forged billet.

15 4. A high purity tantalum sputtering target according
to claim 2 having substantially uniform (100) cubic texture at
the center location, mid-radial location and edge locations of
the target surface.